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2 **In the Claims**

3 Claims 2-9, 12-14, 17-21 and 23-29 are currently amended.

4 Claims 1-29 remain in the Application and are listed below.

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6 1. (Original) A method comprising:

7 receiving a first event at a first event filter, the first event filter having an
8 associated filter criteria;

9 applying the filter criteria associated with the first event filter to the first
10 event;

11 if the first event satisfies the filter criteria associated with the first event
12 filter, then:

13 transforming the first event into a second event; and

14 communicating the second event to a second event filter having an
15 associated filter criteria, the second event filter being associated with an event
16 consumer, wherein the event consumer performs an action if the second event
17 satisfies the filter criteria associated with the second event filter.

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19 2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
20 the second event includes a header having a plurality of parameters, wherein the
21 event header has a standard data format regardless of event source.

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23 3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
24 the second event includes a payload including a plurality of payload objects.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
2 the second event filter has no knowledge of the first event.
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4 5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
5 communicating the second event to a second event filter further comprises
6 communicating the second event to a plurality of event filters, each of the plurality
7 of event filters having an associated filter criteria.
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9 6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
10 communicating the second event to a second event filter further comprises
11 communicating the second event to a plurality of event filters, each of the plurality
12 of event filters having an associated filter criteria and each of the plurality of event
13 filters being associated with one of a plurality of event consumers, wherein each of
14 the plurality of event consumers performs an action if the second event satisfies
15 the filter criteria associated with the corresponding event filter.
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17 7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
18 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter
19 criteria associated with the second event filter is logging the second event to a
20 storage device.
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1 8. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
2 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter
3 criteria associated with the second event filter is forwarding the second event to a
4 destination.

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6 9. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
7 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter
8 criteria associated with the second event filter is generating an email message.

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10 10. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a
11 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited
12 in claim 1.

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14 11. (Original) A method comprising:
15 receiving a first event having a first format;
16 transforming the first event into a second event having a second format,
17 wherein transforming the first event into a second event comprises:
18 generating an event header having a plurality of parameters, wherein the
19 plurality of parameters are arranged in a standard data format; and
20 generating an event payload having a plurality of payload objects, wherein
21 the plurality of payload objects identify at least one action to perform in response
22 to the event.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 further
2 comprising applying the plurality of parameters in the event header to a filter to
3 determine whether the associated event meets criteria associated with the filter.

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5 13. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 wherein
6 the plurality of parameters are arranged in a standard data format regardless of the
7 first event source.

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9 14. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 further
10 comprising:

11 applying the second event to an event filter having an associated filter
12 criteria; and

13 communicating the second event to an event consumer if the second event
14 satisfies the filter criteria associated with the event filter.

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16 15. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a
17 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited
18 in claim 11.

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20 16. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
21 an event transformer to receive a first event and transform the first event
22 into a second event, the second event having a standard data format regardless of
23 the first event data format;
24 a plurality of event filters coupled to the event transformer, the event filters
25 to apply filter criteria to the second event; and

1 a plurality of event consumers coupled to the plurality of event filters, the
2 event consumers to perform an action if the second event satisfies the filter criteria
3 applied by the event filters.

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5 17. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16
6 wherein the event transformer operates independently of the event filters and
7 independently of the event consumers.

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9 18. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16
10 wherein the second event includes an event header having a plurality of
11 parameters arranged in a standard data format.

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13 19. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16
14 wherein the second event includes an event header having a plurality of
15 parameters arranged in a standard data format, and wherein the plurality of
16 parameters in the event header are applied to the event filters to determine whether
17 the associated event satisfies the filter criteria.

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19 20. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16
20 wherein the second event includes an event payload having a plurality of payload
21 objects.

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1 21. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16
2 wherein the second event includes an event payload having a plurality of payload
3 objects, and wherein the plurality of payload objects identify at least one action to
4 perform in response to the event.

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6 22. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having stored
7 thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors,
8 causes the one or more processors to:

9 receive a first event having a first data format;

10 filter the first event using a first filter criteria;

11 transform the first event into a second event having a second data
12 format if the first event satisfies the first filter criteria, wherein the second data
13 format includes an event header having a plurality of parameters and an event
14 payload having a plurality of payload objects; and

15 communicate the second event to an event action handler if the first
16 event satisfies the first filter criteria.

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18 23. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable
19 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of parameters in the event
20 header are arranged in a standard format.

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22 24. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable
23 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of parameters in the event
24 header are used to filter the second event.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable
2 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of payload objects in the event
3 payload are used to identify at least one action to perform in response to the
4 second event.

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6 26. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable
7 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of payload objects in the event
8 payload are used by an event consumer that receives the second event to identify
9 an action to perform in response to the second event.

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11 27. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable
12 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the event action handler performs at least one
13 action in response to the second event.

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15 28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
16 the filter criteria associated with the first event filter includes an event type.

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18 29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein
19 the filter criteria associated with the second event filter includes an event type.